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1. [] - JMM) Representative Paul McCloskey called in response to my several earlier efforts to contact him. I referred to his 2 August 1972 letter to the Director in which, as a member of the "Peace Through Law" congressional group, he had requested a briefing on U.S. targetting regarding dikes, civilian population, and POW camps in North Vietnam. I said that in view of McCloskey's interest in either separate briefings by State, Defense and CIA, or a single coordinated briefing, we would suggest a coordinated briefing by State who had all the information available on the subjects which we might have. McCloskey thanked me and seemed to accept this.

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2. [] - JMM) Called Colgate Prentice, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations (House), and told him of the above conversation with Representative McCloskey. He said he would pass this on to Mr. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Far East).

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3. [] - JMM) At George Carver's request, I called Mr. Sullivan to explain the foregoing. Sullivan was upset that I had suggested State give the briefing, arguing that Defense was in a much better position to do so although he conceded Defense probably wouldn't consent to do it. I said I consulted the White House and in recommending that State do the briefing I was following White House guidance.

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4. [] - JMM) Called Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), regarding the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill. Johnson said he planned to see Chairman Dulski, House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, and I volunteered to contact Committee members Poff, Hanley and Henderson in an effort to get them to join in trying to persuade Dulski to assert his Committee's jurisdiction over the Ervin bill rider. I told Johnson that I hoped we could put enough pressure on the Civil Service Commission and the White House to get them to weigh in to knock out the entire rider. Johnson said that if we failed in this he thought the Hanley bill version would be far preferable to the Ervin version, to which I agreed.

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DOS review(s) completed.

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